House will be conveyed to the Minister concerned.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

National highways (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the National Highways (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

New economic and industrial policies of the Government

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, today, lakhs of workers, employees and peasants have come to New Delhi and have assembled near Parliament, to bring to the notice of Parliament and through Parliament, the Government, the misery heaped on the people of our country as a consequence of the disastrous economic and industrial policies of the Government.

From throughout the country, from all over India, people have assembled here. In fact, they are waiting near the Boat Club, near the India Gate, because they cannot enter Parliament. But we, as representatives of the people of our country, cannot but take note of this particular fact. Sir, the prices have skyrocketed, bringing misery to the common people of our country. The Exit Policy of the Government is already being implemented. As a result of this, thousands of workers are facing retrenchment. Already, there are ten crore people unemployed. In this background, you can imagine what disaster this Exit Policy would spell to the economy of the country.

Reduction in the subsidies on fertilisers has led to an increase in the prices of fertilisers. This has also a fall-out on food production. The laws merely remain on the statute-book. There is a law on the statute-book in relation to agricultural workers, but they are yet to be given a better wherwithal. The women workers are still being discriminated against, though a National Commission for Women has been set up in the meantime.

A green signal has been given to the multinationals, allowing them to fleece our market and out country. You know what disaster this opening up of our country to multinationals has led us to. This has resulted in the securities scam on which a Joint Parliamentary Committee has been constitued. Through the Press briefings of the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, people have already come to know the disastrous outcome of this liberalisation policy. Disinvestment has already started. We know what scandalous proportions this disinvestment of shares of public sector undertakings has assumed. Everywhere, there is only misery. In no area, nowhere, the new industrial and economic policies have resulted in any benefit. (*Interruptions*) Therefore, lakhs of workers have gathered in New Delhi, today, to protest against the industrial and economic policies of the Government *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kalmadi, please wait. He is going to stop in a minute.